

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of
ANNAPOLIS, on Thursday the tenth of May, in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one,
the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the adjournment and continuance of the ge-
neral court of the western and eastern shore, and the se-
veral county courts therein mentioned, and for the other
purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS several gentlemen, having business in the courts Preamble:
hereafter mentioned, are members of the general assembly,
and obliged to attend the same; and whereas it hath from
experience been found inconvenient, that in these times of war and tu-
mult the courts in this state should not have a power to continue the se-
veral actions depending in the said courts beyond the time limited by
the act, entitled, An act to limit the continuance of actions in several
courts within this province, and ascertaining the manner of taking the
evidence of seafaring men, and for granting appeals from the chancery
court to the governor and council:

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Several courts
adjourned,
&c.
general court of the western shore, to be held by adjournment on the
first Monday of July next, shall stand and be further adjourned to the
second Tuesday in October next; and that the general court for the
eastern shore, to be held by adjournment some time in August next,
shall stand and be further adjourned to the second Tuesday in Septem-
ber next; and that the June court to be held for Talbot and Worester
counties shall stand and be adjourned to the first Monday in August
next; and that the June court to be held for Dorchester county shall
stand and be adjourned to the second Monday in August next; and that
the June court for Somerset county stand and be further adjourned to
the third Monday in August next; and that the June court for Cecil
county shall stand and be adjourned to the last Monday in July next.

III. And be it enacted, That all causes, pleas, process, and proceed- Causes, &c.
to be in the
same state, &c.
ings, either civil or criminal, now depending in the said courts, or any
of them, shall stand, remain, and be, in the same state and condition,
on the respective times to which they are hereby adjourned, as they
would be on the respective times they are by law directed to be held or
stand adjourned to, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary not-
withstanding.

IV. And be it enacted, That the general courts to be held for the Courts may
continue ac-
tions, &c.
western and eastern shore, the court of appeals, and all and every the
county